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For

Method of Entering, Updating and Display of Related Data

on a Single Screen Page

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

I, James E. Croley, do hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am the inventor of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application.
- 2. As a practicing ophthalmologist and ophthalmic surgeon, I had experienced difficulties and impracticality of multi-screen page forms. Therefore, I invented a method of configuring data forms intended for real time use in a medical or technical context in which use of a multi-screen page form would be difficult or impractical.
- 3. My conception of this invention is prior to March 23, 1998, which is the filing date of the parent application (patent application serial No. 09/046,490) of the instant application.
- 4. Figs. 4-9 of the instant application, which corresponds to Fig. 1-6 of the parent application, were actual computer screen printouts of an experimental software version that I developed in my practice at the time of filing the parent application. Therefore, at the time of filing of the parent application, I had reduced to practice the instant invention.

- 5. Later, I associated with a company that began to market the software in calendar 2000.
- 6. Therefore, my invention was conceived and reduced to practice prior to the effective date of December 22, 2000 of Fish's reference (U.S. Patent Application Publication US2003/0220891A1), which is the basis of a rejection under 35U.S.C. 103(a) in the Office Action dated July 13, 2005.
- 6. It is evident by the file history of the instant applicant and its predecessor that I have been diligently pursuing patent protection of my invention since the conception.
- 7. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

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